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### Veteran Fire Service Professional Joins Nevada Department of Public Safety *DPS Director names Chief of the Fire Marshal Division*

*Carson City, NV~* Mr. James Wright, a 34-year fire service veteran was named today as Chief of the DPS Fire Marshal Division by agency Director George Togliatti. Wright comes to DPS from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection where he served as Deputy Director and Chief of Fire Protection in Sacramento. Wright takes over from Acting Chief Chad Hastings, who has filled in since the retirement of former Fire Marshal Chief Doyle Sutton in December of 2005.

DPS Director George Togliatti praised the expertise Chief Wright brings to the State of Nevada, "We are very fortunate to have James Wright join our Department. His extensive experience in arson investigation, emergency preparedness, training and fire service administration in all levels of government will be of tremendous value to DPS."

In his role as Chief, Mr. Wright's top priority for the Division will be providing a cooperative leadership role in developing and delivering a balanced and effective fire prevention program. Using information/education, training, fire protection engineering and enforcement all service the goal to make the state of Nevada a safe place for its citizens. Chief Wright said, "This is the beginning of a new era for the DPS Fire Marshal Division and I am excited about the opportunity to be a part of it."

Chief Wright began his fire service career in 1971, where he served as a Fire Protection Specialist in the US Air Force. He joined the California Department of Forestry (CDF) in 1977 as a fire fighter and advanced through the ranks while working in various fire suppression and fire prevention/law enforcement assignments. As Wright served and rose through the Chief Officer ranks he held many field operations and administrative positions and ultimately became CDF's Chief of Fire Protection.

Fifty-three year old Wright holds Associates of Fire Science and Administration of Justice degrees and many fire service certifications, including incident command, operations, advanced and supervisory P.O.S.T. and fire investigations. He will earn \$92,290.00 per year.

For more information on the appointment of Chief Wright, contact PIO Kim Evans at 775-684-4554.

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